PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES ATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

David P. RAMER, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2502

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For: CONSTRUCTIVE OCCLUSION WITH A TRANSMISSIVE COMPONENT

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 104(e)

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Sir:

Another Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the July 27, 2006 Notice of Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Although Applicants agree that the claims are patentable over the art, entry of the Statement into the record should not necessarily be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants in the particular reasoning set forth in the Statement, particularly to the extent, if any, that the wording of the Statement may differ from the actual claim language and/or the otherwise proper claim construction.

The patentable language of the allowed claims and Applicants' positions on patentability are already of record in this case. It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled to the broadest reasonable interpretation and to the broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims, the supporting disclosure and Applicants' prosecution of the claims, without reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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